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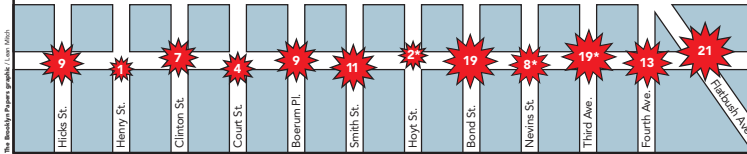
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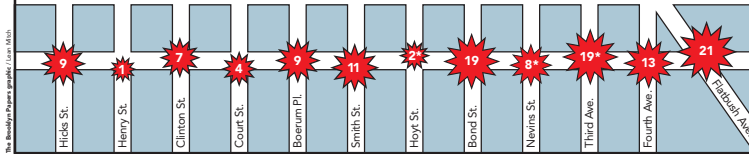
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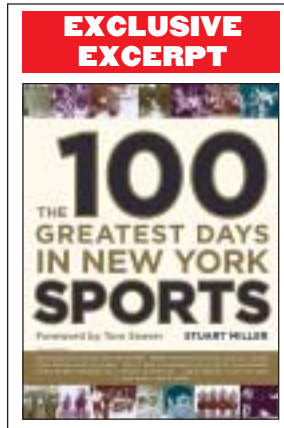
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# A Vito vs. Steve scorecard

## ADWATCH

### Fossella: I'm no party boy

In an effort to distance himself from President Bush, Rep. Vito Fossella (R-Bay Ridge) is casting himself as an independent, rather than the dyed-in-the-wool Republican that his voting record shows him to be. In his new campaign commercial, which is airing on local cable stations, the Bay Ridge Republican never identifies himself as a card-carrying member of the GOP.

— Dana Rubinstein

## ON SCREEN

The 30-second ad opens with an earnest Fossella, in a suit and tie, posing in front of shelves of leather-bound books. The ad is a series of images, accompanied by a Fossella voice-over and syrupy music. When Fossella discusses first-responders, the ad shows him speaking with firefighters, and when he discusses Medicare, we see him listening to the concerns of seniors in what looks to be a senior center. Finally, when he discusses his supposed tendency to "work across the aisle," we see Fossella working diligently at his desk.

## THE SCRIPT

Fossella says: "When I go to Washington, I don't ask, 'What's the party position?' I ask, 'What's right for the people back home?' Like working across the aisle to appoint a health czar for our 9-11 first responders, or saying 'no' to the President's plan to partially privatize Social Security, or fighting party leaders to prevent cuts to Medicare. Some call me independent. I call it fighting for the people at home. I'm Vito Fossella, and I approve this message."

## THE FACTS

According to the non-partisan Congressional Quarterly, Fossella supported Bush's position 91 percent of the time in 2004, and 83 percent of the time in 2005, an indication that he is becoming less independent, not more. At a 2005 Staten Island fundraiser, Vice President Cheney called Fossella "simply one of the best" and told the crowd that "President Bush and I thank you for sending him to Washington to work with us ... We could not ask for a better partner than Congressman Vito Fossella." In 2002, Fossella argued for partially privatizing Social Security. "I happen to think the president is on the right side of history here," he said on CNN's "Crossfire." "And I think the more you empower American people, the more you give them the opportunity to invest on their own and [be] in control of their own destiny and their own retirement, the better off we'll be." Fossella does support the creation of a 9-11 health czar, who would monitor and address the health problems of first responders. Fossella also supported the Medicare Prescription Drug Care program, but opposed a bill allowing Americans to re-import medicines from Canada.

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Bay Ridgites went after Rep. Vito Fossella (R-Bay Ridge) at Tuesday night's debate against Democrat Steve Harrison. While Harrison enjoyed the support of the overflow crowd at the Bay Ridge Community Council debate, attendees made the four-term incumbent squirm. Here's a recap for those who missed the show.

— Dana Rubinstein

**Q:** "Mr. Fossella, two weeks ago, you said you voted in favor of the [creation of the 9-11 Commission. You did not. Why did you lie to us?"

**VF:** "The most serious issue in this country is what happened on 9-11. There is a vast difference between my opponent and myself in ensuring that we are never attacked again. We have secured billions of dollars of homeland security funding for New York. I have dedicated my time to securing \$125 million for 9-11 responders. I supported the Patriot Act. I supported terror surveillance programs, and I support efforts to question and interrogate terrorists. When I determined there was sufficient reason for a 9-11 commission, I voted to create a commission. And we have worked to implement many of those recommendations."

**SH:** "Three times you denied you voted against the 9-11 Commission. [But] you did vote against the 9-11 Commission ... I believe you owe an explanation."

**EDGE: Harrison**

**Q:** "Mr. Fossella, I have over a dozen articles from newspapers outlining the money you stole and your admission of guilt [a reference to reports that he misused campaign funds]. Are they telling the truth or are they lying?"

**VF:** "No." (He did not go further than that.)

**SH:** "It's a matter of credibility. It's a matter of trust. That's what the election is about. Foley, Hastert, Ney, Abramoff, DeLay, Elmo, Vail, Las Vegas. Take your choice."

**EDGE: Harrison**

**Q:** "Congressman Fossella, I went onto the American Association of Retired Per-



Steve Harrison (right) on MSNBC this week.

sons Web site and [saw] a questionnaire they sent around. For some reason, you chose not to tell them anything! Why won't you answer AARP with reference to Social Security and health benefits for the elderly?"

**VF:** "Social Security is a sacred covenant that must be maintained for all generations ... With respect to Medicare, it's another sacred program. I worked with AARP to create the Prescription Drug Program, which has been beneficial to thousands in this community. I opposed privatization [of Social Security]."

**SH:** "In 2002, Congressman Fossella favored privatization [of Social Security]. [When] he found out that 70 percent of Bay Ridge doesn't want [privatization], he sent out a letter saying 'I never have and never will favor the privatization of Social Security.' That wasn't true. Then he turned around and said that everything should be on the table. So his position is that he's against it, he's for it, then he doesn't know what to do with it."

**EDGE: Harrison**

## HARRISON...

Continued from page 1

Fossella as he spoke, causing the normally unflappable Congressman to snap. "Excuse me ... I gave you the courtesy of asking, now I ask you for the courtesy of listening to my answer."

At another point, after thanking a woman for her question about the 9-11 Commission, she responded by yelling. "Maybe you can answer it!"

"Answer the question!" others screamed.

"If you're quiet, maybe he can answer!" yelled a Fossella supporter.

The president of the Bay Ridge Community Council,

which organized the debate, scolded the audience like so many unruly children:

"As members of a very well respected community, we are not going to allow anyone here to be insulted," said Barbara Vellucci. "This is a forum for information. If you feel that this is not the right place for you ... you may leave."

After the debate, Fossella campaign manager Matt Mika blamed Harrison's supporters for the unruliness.

"A candidate should appeal to the very best of people, not the worst," he said. "These same folks who were screaming and cursing ... are part of

the Harrison team. It says a lot about a person by the company he keeps."

Harrison admitted that the crowd's reactions were "a little bit over the top," but added, "In fairness, you're looking at people who are extremely frustrated with the Bush administration and with the congressman's failure to respond to questions directly."

In other campaign developments, Fossella refused to comment on whether he plans to return the \$10,000 donated to his campaign in 1998 by disgraced former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-Texas).

As The Brooklyn Papers reported earlier this month, Fossella donated \$1,000 he received from former Rep. Mark Foley (R-Florida) to a Staten Island charity.



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# CREAM OF GARDENS CROP

**By Dana Rubinstein**  
The Brooklyn Papers

Prime rib was on the menu, but the honorees were the Peter Luger porte-houise of Carroll Gardens society.

And the winners of this year's Carroll Gardens Association awards are (drum roll, please):

• Robert Pasquucci, the president of Jobco Incorporated and would-be developer of the Bay-side Fuel Oil site along the Gowanus Canal (won the "De-

veloper of the Year" award).  
• Deborah Boatright, North-east district director of Neighbor-Works, a housing development organization (won the "Public/Private Community Development" award).  
• William Munks, a local activist and owner of B and D Plumbing on Court Street (won the "Community Service" award).  
• Angela Battaglia, of the City Planning Commission (won the "Public Service" award).

All were praised by the peri-

patetic Buddy Scotto — him-self an award-winner best known for his funeral home, his hell-raising, and his leadership of the Association.

"We need these developers," said Scotto. "If we don't work with them to develop affordable

housing, then we're in a lot of trouble."

Munks, the only small business owner of the lot, was flattered — but humbly gave Scotto the credit.

"Whether you love him or hate him, what he does do is in-

volve people," said Munks. "He's constantly dragging me to a meeting somewhere. He's my motivator."

"The neighborhood's be-come gentrified and it's a beautiful thing."

## Heights pier to house boat pool

The Brooklyn Papers

A huge containing a swim-ming pool will be tugged to the Brooklyn Heights waterfront next week, the culmination of a week-long voyage that has taken the barge from Louisiana, around the tip of Florida and up the Atlantic Coast.

The pool, called the "Floating Pool Lady," will get its finishing touches while docked at Pier 2, on the site of the planned water-front development project com-monly referred to as Brooklyn Bridge Park.

Once the work on the barge is completed this spring, the "Lady" will float to pool-deprived Williamsburg or South Bronx, so resi-dents there can take a dip.

"Lady" is the brainchild of urban designer Ann Buttenweiser, a waterfront planner and the founder of the non-profit Nep-tune Foundation, which is fund-ing the 82-foot, seven-lane pool.

The Parks Department, which is working to find a permanent home for the floating Lady, is thrilled with the prospect.

"A floating pool on our water-front is not just an inexpensive way to add a badly needed facility to a community, it also pro-vides a spectacular new swim-ming experience," said Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe.

"We look forward to the day when the pool is docked and full of water and happy New York-ers."

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# To catch thief, Co-op goes to video

By Lilo H. Stainton  
The Brooklyn Papers

It was a true cooperative effort.

Members of the Park Slope Food Co-op banded together to help police catch one of two pickpockets that have targeted shoppers at the health food haven for nearly two months.

the store's general manager told The Brooklyn Papers.

Police sources confirmed the 78th Precinct arrested a 49-year-old man in connection with the crimes on Oct. 22.

"We're really pleased that we caught him," Co-op GM Joe Holtz said.

Holtz said shoppers at the

Union Street enterprise, off Seventh Avenue, have reported a half-dozen wallet-snatches in recent months, including two heists just last week alone.

"It's very unusual," Holtz said. "It's a shame that people had their wallets stolen. And we take that very seriously."

On Oct. 15, around 5:30 pm, someone grabbed a 37-year-old woman's billfold from her bag as she wandered the aisles; the thief escaped with a red leather wallet with \$120, plus credit and bank cards.

Two days later, around 3:45

pm, another 37-year-old woman suffered a similar fate. Her wallet was rolled up inside a canvas tote bag in her shopping cart. She turned away for a moment, and the black leather billfold — with several credit cards, \$124 in cash and a Waterman fountain pen, valued at nearly \$100 — was gone.

"We encouraged people to report this, and then we went back to the [security] camera system," Holtz said.

After reviewing the security footage, staff identified two sus-

pects, neither of whom were members of the co-op, Holtz said. With nearly 12,800 members — all of whom stock shelves, sweep floors, answer phones, or staff the check-out line in exchange for low-cost organic produce and other bargains — the Park Slope Food Co-op is the largest in the nation that requires every member to work.

All members are required to show Co-op cards at the entrance door — but in the past, thieves have managed to slip in through the exit or past less-vigilant door workers.

That's what happened on Oct. 22, when one of the suspects sneaked in. He was quickly spotted, and workers called 911, Holtz said. Police from the 78th Precinct met the suspect with handcuffs on the street outside.

Police said the grand larceny charges stem from evidence of a prior alleged crime found on the video security footage, since the man didn't get a chance to steal anything that Sunday. Sources at the 78th Precinct said police have a second suspect in their sights, thanks again to the security tape.

## TVs robbed on Fall Classic eve

By Lilo H. Stainton  
The Brooklyn Papers

For baseball fans, the timing couldn't be worse. But look on the bright side: the Yankees or Mets aren't in the Series anyway.

Fans of the Fall Classic were disappointed to find that a pair of large, flat-screen televisions had been stolen from Bar Minnow, a popular Seventh Avenue bar, early on Oct. 18, police said.

The watering hole and raw bar, at Ninth Street, closed around 12:20 am. When a worker returned at 8:10 am, she discovered the office was ransacked, and an Apple computer and two, 28-inch televisions were missing.

The woman also found a window on the side of the building open a crack. It had been latched from the inside when her husband left, some eight hours earlier.

"It really has crippled our business," said a manager who gave his name as Aaron. "We're going to get new ones," he said, "but first we have to re-arm the place."

The stolen computer had the security footage that captured the crime in action, Aaron said. In addition to the \$5,000 loss in equipment, Aaron said the popular watering hole is losing roughly \$800 a day without the big-screen monitors.

Imagine if the Mets or the Yanks were in the Series.

**Cabbie taken**

A taxi driver lost several days' earnings when a passenger stole his duffel bag after being dropped off in Park Slope on Oct. 15, police said.

The cabbie picked up a trio of passengers in his yellow cab

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around 2:40 am. One of them climbed in the front seat next to the 37-year-old driver, and the green duffel lay on the seat between them.

He drove them to their destination, Fifth Avenue at First Street, and the passengers got out. Only then did the cabbie realize the bag — with \$400, a bank card and his driver's license — was gone.

**Tool time**

A thief stole tools and electronics valued at \$4,000 from a Seventh Avenue construction site after workers left on Oct. 18, police said.

Builders at the site, near Fourth Street, secured the storage trailer and locked the gate behind them when they left at 11:30 pm.

When a worker returned the next day at 3 pm, he found the padlocks clipped and the trailer door broken open.

A search revealed the following items had disappeared: a fax machine, a nail gun, a chipping gun and a demolition saw.

**Bag snatched**

A woman lost personal papers, her Palm Pilot and other property to a thief who stole her purse inside a South Slope grocery store on Oct. 16, police said.

The 53-year-old victim was wandering the aisles at the giant food store at the base of 12th Street, near the Gowanus Canal, at 1:30 pm, when her bag disappeared. She said she only turned her back for a moment on the cart that held the purse, a Ralph Lauren model valued at \$60.

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# Burglars strike twice on 5th

By Lilo H. Stainton  
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## 68th Precinct

A thief hit two apartments inside a Fifth Avenue building on Oct. 18 and got away with cash and jewelry worth more than \$3,700, police said.

The burglar broke into the building, near 80th Street, between 7:30 am and 6:30 pm, at which time the 68-year-old second-floor tenant returned to find his lock broken and home ransacked. His driver's license, credit cards and \$20 were missing.

His 36-year-old neighbor on the fourth floor found the same disarray — but lost much more: \$3,400 in cash, a gold medal valued at \$200, and a pair of gold earrings.

## Scent of crime

A thief on a bike snatched the pocketbook of a woman walking on 88th Street on Oct. 18, police said.

The mugger grabbed the bag from under the left arm of the 28-year-old victim moments before 9 pm, and peddled off along Fort Hamilton Parkway. The woman, who was not hurt, saw little of her attacker, but said he was a man dressed in a blue jacket, with a blue hat, jeans and white sneakers.

The victim's bag held the following: her driver's license, two credit cards, a Notary Public license, \$10 and a bottle of Chanel perfume.

## Clotheshound

Nine coats, including a fur and a shearling; five suits; 40 shirts and sweaters; a dozen pairs of pants; and \$6,500 in jewelry were stolen from an apartment on Fourth Avenue on Oct. 16, police said.

The victim, a 62-year-old woman, said she left her home, near 73rd Street, at 8 am. When she returned seven hours later, she noticed her front door was unlocked and her apartment ransacked.

The clothes — including the \$3,800 fur — were worth nearly \$10,000, according to the victim.

## SUV burg

Perhaps the thief was looking for direction in life. That could explain why someone broke into a Ford Explorer parked overnight on 13th Avenue on Oct. 18 and stole the navigation system.

The 54-year-old owner parked the 2006 SUV on his block,

between 84th and 85th streets, around 7 pm. When he returned 12 hours later, the passenger-side window was busted and the Pioneer GPS system, which he said was worth \$1,800, had disappeared.

## 62nd Precinct

### Teen targeted

A 17-year-old boy suffered a knuckle sandwich and lost his passport, book bag and other belongings when he refused to give up his iPod on Oct. 19, police said.

The thieves, both approximately 17, stopped the victim at the corner of Bay Parkway and 66th Street, at 5:40 pm, and demanded he turn over the music player. When he declined, they punched him and ran off with his book bag.

### Bloody horrors

Police arrested two middle-aged men who beat two younger men bloody — one used a metal pipe, the other employed a frying pan — in separate at-

## POLICE BLOTTER

tacks at homes on the same block of 78th Street last week.

A 29-year-old man suffered serious and painful bruises and cuts on his head and arms after he was attacked with a metal pipe on Oct. 17. Police charged a 57-year-old man with felony assault after the attack, which happened around 2:30 pm inside a house near 20th Avenue.

Police nabbed a 40-year-old man who allegedly beat his teenage roommate with a frying pan, leaving him with a bloody gash at 10:30 pm on Oct. 19.

### AM car-jacking

A quartet of men armed with handguns stole a Nissan from a man driving on 81st Street on Oct. 21, police said.

The thugs pulled over beside the victim in a Chrysler convertible, not far from 18th Avenue, at 8:30 am. One insisted, "Give me your money and get

out of my car!"

The thieves showed off their black guns, and one thug smashed the 31-year-old victim in the face with his weapon, causing his lip to split. One of the robbers jumped into his black 1995 Maxima and sped off; two others followed in the Sebring and the fourth fled into a building on 81st Street.

### High-dollar rob

A thief scored cash and jewelry valued at \$900 from a woman walking on Avenue P in broad daylight, police said.

The robber rushed the 25-year-old woman from behind as she walked on West Third Street, around 10 am on Oct. 18. He pushed her to the pavement, insisted, "Give me your bag." He then snatched her bag and ran into a vehicle parked nearby, with a woman waiting inside, and sped away.

The victim didn't get a good look at the thief.

### Never saw it

A teenager suffered serious cuts on both arms when an acquaintance attacked him with a keyhole saw on Oct. 20, police said.

The 19-year-old victim was on the corner of Kings Highway and West 15th Street around 5:20 pm, when a man he knew as "Car" approached. A dispute broke out and the attacker pulled out the saw and slashed his victim several times.

### Cell snatched

A pair of teenage thieves used a question and a cane — and threatened to pull out a gun — to steal a cellphone from a younger boy on Oct. 18, police said.

The two thugs approached the 16-year-old victim on the corner of West First Street and Kings Highway, around 4:30 pm, and asked for the time. Before the boy could respond, one thief put his walking stick across the victim's chest and said, "You do not want any problems. Give me the

phone or I might have to use my get [gun]."

The boy surrendered his phone before the robbers pulled out the weapon.

### Bliss scored

Talk about the wrong way to start a new life.

A 30-year-old man returned from his honeymoon to find his home ransacked, his jewelry and electronics missing, and his credit cards in the hands of thieves, police said.

The victim returned home around noon on Oct. 20, and a first-floor neighbor at his building on West First Street greeted him with the bad news. The thief had pushed in the front door of the home, at Avenue P, without causing damage, and then broke the glass on the inside door to get to the second-floor apartment.

Once inside, the thieves helped themselves to the victim's goods. They also put the stolen credit cards to work right away, making two fraudulent charges on Oct. 20, police said.

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# Horror home invasion on Henry Street

By Lilo H. Stainton  
and Claire McTaggart  
The Brooklyn Papers

A 75-year-old woman was tied-up and robbed of \$20,530 in cash and fine silverware when two thugs forced their

way into her home on Henry and State streets on Oct. 22. The woman heard her doorbell ring at around 10 p.m. and was met at the door by two men, who forced the door open, threw the lady on the floor and tied her up with duct tape.

One of the thieves asked, "Where's the money?" while the other combed the house for valuables, finding \$20,000 in Tiffany silverware and \$530 in cash. Police collected three rolls of duct tape as evidence, but are still looking for two black males, one described as 5-foot-9, 160 pounds, last seen in a brown fur-trimmed coat and a light-blue baseball hat.

## Sore eyes

A man lost \$56,000 in designer sunglasses when his car was broken into on Oct. 23. The 26-year-old Bronx resident left his car in front of 266 Dean St. at around 6 p.m. But when he returned three hours later, he found the driver's-side window smashed and the glasses, which belonged to his company, stolen.

## Armed mug

A 25-year-old man was thrown to the ground and mugged at knifepoint while walking near the corner of Bergen and Nevins streets at 8:15 p.m. Oct. 20. The thief approached his victim from behind, forcing him to the ground, and then pressing a knife to his neck. The mugger demanded the man's wallet and then searched his pockets, making off with around \$300 and telling the man to "stay put" before jetting off on a black bike.

## POLICE BLOTTER

Police are looking for a Hispanic man about 5-foot-9, 170 pounds, last seen wearing a fur-trimmed black jacket and a black baseball hat.

## Bad investment

A woman was scammed out of \$20,000 when she tried to deposit her money into an investment account at a Downtown bank.

On Sept. 5, she gave the money to a financial services representative, who apparently had other ideas for how the cash should be spent.

She returned to the bank on Oct. 20 to check on her investment, only to find the money had never made it into her account and the employee was no where to be found.

Police say they are looking for James Eady, 34.

## Cell steal

Police nabbed one of several boys who beat a 12-year-old and stole his cellphone at 4:40 p.m. on Oct. 19.

The victim was walking along Smith Street, near Butler Street, when four or five youths surrounded him. One insisted, "Give me your phone," and the group jumped the victim, pushing him to the pavement and

punching and kicking him in the head.

Police Officer Alberto Iurralde of the 76th Precinct caught up with one of the boys, age 14, and arrested him on robbery charges.

## Early AM heist

A trio of early-bird thugs got more than the worm: they stole \$200 from a Smith Street grocery before dawn on Oct. 15, police said.

The hooded robbers rushed into the store, near Union Street, around 6:30 a.m., cops said. One thief used a silver handgun to beat the 71-year-old clerk in the head, while the others emptied the cash register of \$200 and stole 10 packs of Newports.

## Vandalized

Someone snipped the locks and disabled an alarm system at a grocery store on Henry Street between Sackett and Degraw streets, but nothing appeared to be missing from the store, cops said.

The 61-year-old owner of the store said the building was locked tight at 9 p.m. on Oct. 11. When workers returned the following morning, they discovered someone had removed the padlocks and sneaked into the

store through the unlocked door inside. The prowler then tore an alarm-system panel from the wall, but he didn't steal anything.

## Collar in shoot

Police arrested a 25-year-old man who allegedly shot a sanitation worker during a robbery in late August.

Queens resident Ernest Robinson faces a half-dozen charges, including first-degree assault, forcible robbery and criminal weapons possession after 88th Precinct detective Laverda Pugliese-Phillip collared him on Oct. 18 around 10:30 a.m.

Robinson could not be reached by telephone at his house on Wednesday.

Cops say the suspect robbed the garbage man on the corner of Emerson Place and Myrtle Avenue on Aug. 28. Robinson allegedly drew a handgun, insisted, "Give me the money," fired a single shot into the victim's face, and ran off with \$1,000 in stolen cash.

An update on the condition of the victim, who survived, was not immediately available.

## Thief nabbed

Police arrested one of two teens who stole \$20 and Chinese food from a delivery man making a drop on Clermont Avenue on Oct. 6.

The 27-year-old victim, a

Sunset Park resident, was outside a building near Greene Avenue shortly after 10 p.m. when one of the thugs rushed him from behind. The young thief grabbed his money — and the food order — and ran off.

Police Officer Charles Sperco caught up with one of the alleged robbers, a 16-year-old boy, and recovered the cash. The second thief escaped.

## Dropped in shop

A female thug armed with a crowbar smashed another shopper in the face during an 11:30 p.m. attack at the Atlantic Center Mall on Oct. 12. Paramedics treated the 29-year-old victim for bruises on both sides of her head.

It wasn't clear how the two women knew each other, or what prompted the attack by the 23-year-old.

## Phone gone

A teenager suffered several blows to the head when he tried to recover his phone from a group of young thieves in a Washington Avenue playground on Oct. 10, police said.

The 17-year-old victim was talking on his phone at 5 p.m. near the handball court at the playground, at Greene Avenue, when several boys his age appeared beside him. The strangers stood silently for a moment, then one snatched the phone and bolted down Greene Avenue.

The victim ran after him, catching the thief at the corner of Washington Avenue. But several of the robber's accomplices pummeled him in the back of the head. The trio eventually ran off along Greene Street with the phone, leaving the victim with no serious injuries.

## Site targeted

Someone snatched a Carhartt jacket and bib overalls, a host of pliers, several screwdrivers and other hand tools from a construction site on Park Avenue after workers left on Oct. 12, police said.

An employee with the Queens company in charge at the site said the burglar clipped the padlocks on a shed and the foreman's trailer sometime between 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. the following morning. The site, at Carlton Avenue, was secure when workers left that afternoon.

There was no value given for the stolen goods, which also included multiple voltage testers, a drill, several utility knives and a pair of cable cutters.

## Hammer time

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## Results are out

**Clinic closes, leaves patients in the dark****By Dana Rubinstein**  
The Brooklyn Papers

A Bay Ridge mammography clinic has come under state and federal scrutiny for abruptly closing its office and cutting off patients' access to medical records.

Bay Imaging, a center that scans women for breast cancer and other diseases, closed its center on Fourth Avenue and 92nd Street on Aug. 18, and allegedly failed to notify its patients or provide them access to their mammography results.

That's in violation of Food and Drug Administration requirements — and former customers are livid.

"How am I supposed to feel?" said Rose Caputo. "They did this on the sneak. I need those records to give to other doctors. I would never go to that place again. I'll tell you that."

Thanks to pressure from City Councilman Vince Gentile (D-Bay Ridge), the company set up a hotline for patients needing their records. It is not clear, however, that anyone has received a response from Bay Imaging, which has two other locations.

In the meantime, the FDA has also set up a hotline that patients can call for their mammography results. Patients should call (800) 838-7715.

"We are working with the state and the American College of Radiology to track this is-

sue," said FDA spokeswoman Heidi Vakelevitch.

"We're trying to get some other records that are not related to mammograms, too," she added.

The state Health Department spokeswoman would neither confirm nor deny the existence of an ongoing investigation.

But Gentile suggested that the physician in charge of Bay

Imaging, who could not be reached for comment, should be stripped of his license.

But that doesn't solve Vinny Bocchino's dilemma.

"There is a way to do these things, and they haven't done it the right way," said Bocchino, whose wife was screened at the center. "All of my wife's records were there. That's vital information they have."



## Puppets as art

Here they are, the stars of Puppetry Arts Theatre's family musical, "In a Round About Way," which is part of Saturday's Haunted Halloween Carnival. In addition to enjoying the antics of Critton the Bug and Pieweazel, kids can get spooked in the Haunted Lab, paint self-portraits for a new Brooklyn Hospital mural, and enter themselves — or their dogs — in a costume contest.

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# Holy irony! Church named for a garden sells it



The Church of Gethsemane on Eighth Avenue at 10th Street in Park Slope has sold its lush garden to a developer.

By Nica Lalli  
for The Brooklyn Papers

A Park Slope church is willing to destroy its garden to save itself.

The Church of Gethsemane — whose name, ironically, refers to the garden where Jesus Christ supposedly spent his last night before being crucified — has sold its half-acre, tree-filled side lot for development into high-end condos.

"The survival of our unique congregation is more important than the garden," said the Rev. Liz Alexander, the pastor of the church, whose mission is to serve the poor and recently released convicts.

"We serve the less-fortunate — and they're not big donors," Alexander said.

"When a developer makes you an offer you can't refuse, you don't refuse."

Alexander refused to divulge the identity of the buyer nor how much he paid for the large lot at the corner of Eighth Avenue and 10th Street. But she did say that the new owner would respect neighbors' wishes for a building that fits in with the low-rise character of Park Slope.

"We went with these buyers because they assured us they would build in style with this neighborhood," Alexander said. "By law, the building can't be more than 50 feet high."

But neighbors remain concerned. "It's all been so secretive," said Peggy Cyphers, who lives a few doors

down from the churchyard. "We feel that we have been cheated out of the opportunity to find other uses for this land. Do we really need more condos?"

Cyphers and a small group of concerned neighbors met last week at the Tea Lounge to plot a strategy.

She said her group would now focus on saving three "very old Sycamores" on the site, and blocking a new curb cut, which would further reduce the already limited space for street parking.

Alexander did not speculate on whether the trees could be saved.

"I don't know if any green space will be included [in the developer's plan]," she said. "I haven't seen any real plans."

— with Gersh Kuntzman

## The magic of puppetry

The Brooklyn Papers

Here they are, the stars of Puppetry Arts Theatre's family musical, "In a Round About Way," which is part of Saturday's Haunted Halloween Carnival. In addition to enjoying the antics of Critton the Bug and Pieweazel, kids can get spooked in the Haunted Lab, paint self-portraits for a new Brooklyn Hospital mural, and enter themselves — or their dogs — in a costume contest.

The Haunted Halloween Carnival takes place on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 2-6 pm at Camp Friendship (339 Eighth St., at Sixth Avenue). It's free. — Paul Koepp



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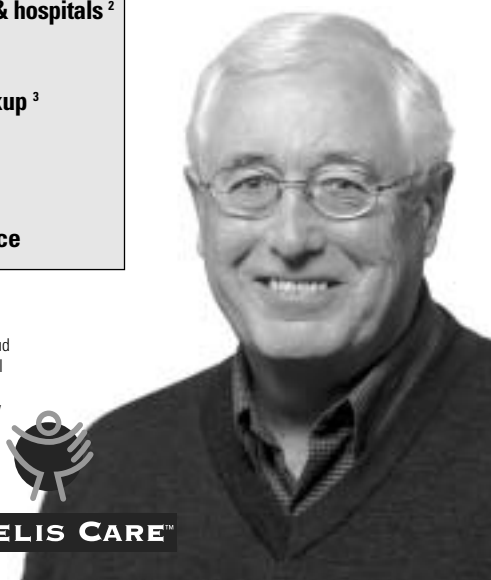
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Help us turn your leaves into better compost by "brown bagging" your fall leaves for DSNY collection. If you live in one of the Brooklyn leaf collection districts, redeem the coupon you received in the mail to get five (free!) paper leaf bags, while supplies last.

The NYC Compost Project is providing free paper leaf bags (this year only) to help residents adjust to brown bagging leaves before it becomes mandatory (as outlined in NYC's Solid Waste Management Plan, recently passed by the City Council).

**Brooklyn leaf collection dates:**  
Saturday, November 11 and  
Saturday, November 25.  
For more info on leaf collection districts and leaf set-out requirements, call 311 or visit [www.nyc.gov/nycwasteless/compost](http://www.nyc.gov/nycwasteless/compost).



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- If you live in a leaf collection district, bring the coupon you received in the mail and we'll give you free sample paper leaf bags to "brown bag" your fall leaves.



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## OUR OPINION

# Alan Hevesi must go

**S**TATE COMPTROLLER ALAN Hevesi must resign. Hevesi, who is accused of using state employees to drive his wife, continues to defend himself against the charge that he has violated the public trust.

True, the charge against Hevesi is ultimately not about vast sums of taxpayer money. The cost of all the chauffeur service for the missus amounted to \$83,000, he says, which he has paid back.

He has also apologized, and said his failure to pay back the state earlier was an oversight.

An oversight? As the state's top fiscal watchdog, it is Hevesi's job to catch just such "oversights." The main issue is that he has betrayed the public trust and must go.

This newspaper has taken a consistent stance against politicians who can't even rise to New York State's astonishingly low ethics. Months ago, we called for Assemblyman Roger Green to resign after he was found to have had billed taxpayers for thousands of dollars in travel expenses.

And we also condemned then-Assemblyman Clarence Norman for similar offenses, even though a larger corruption investigation by the Brooklyn district attorney had yet to bear fruit.

Now, like the indefensible Green and Norman, it turns out that the state comptroller has treated our coffers like some kind of personal piggybank.

More and more Democrats are withdrawing their support for the embattled comptroller.

Even his chief supporter, the likely governor Eliot Spitzer, is reconsidering his endorsement.

That's heartening because we've always felt that the state's chickenhouse should not necessarily be guarded by a fox of the same party. When Republican governor Nelson Rockefeller ruled Albany, he had Democratic Comptroller Arthur Levitt to keep him in check. Similarly, Democrats Hugh Carey and Mario Cuomo had Ned Regan as a counterweight. Carl McCall, a Democrat, played the same role during part of Pataki's first term.

If Spitzer becomes governor, a weakened Hevesi would be a poor watchdog.

For that reason alone, we endorse Hevesi's Republican rival, Chris Callaghan, who has served most recently as the Saratoga County treasurer.

## ALL DRAWN OUT



Chris Ware

## LETTERS

## Will Maggie controversy ever end?

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To the editor,

Your readers protest too much. Maggie Gyllenhaal a big girl who chose to sit for that publicity shot ("Hello, neighbor!" Oct. 7). The Brooklyn Papers is a fun read that, thank goodness, is not as uptight as some of its readers.

Maybe Ms. Gyllenhaal got a chuckle from the front page — let's not assume she's as emotionally fragile as many of your readers claim she is. I do feel sorry for the children, however. They have such prudish parents.

Steve Garnhausen, Clinton Hill

### Blame Gersh

To the editor,

The flood of letters criticizing the manner in which you reported on Maggie Gyllenhaal's move to Park Slope is indicative of a much larger problem. That since Gersh Kuntzman's arrival as editor, the Brooklyn Papers has been playing every story (and I do mean every story) for a laugh. That's not only gotten very tiresome, it's often very insensitive when the story involves a personal tragedy or hardship.

To make matters worse, letters to the editor that criticized your pathetic and often inappropriate attempts at humor (as happened in the Oct. 14 issue) got tagged with snarky headlines, which showed a) your continued insensitivity and b) your tin ear.

Not everything that happens in this world, or in Park Slope, is funny and

you cannot make it funny by reaching for overwrought alliterations, bad puns and stupid jokes.

If Kuntzman and the mental midgets who work for him, were actually funny, they would be writing for Jon Stewart or Jay Leno.

Those of us who live in the Slope like it here and would like to be kept abreast of local news and developments. We don't need sycophantic attempts at humor.

It's time for The Brooklyn Papers to grow up and stop acting like one of the tiresome Yuppie Puppies (both human and canine) that are a constant annoyance on Seventh Avenue.

Harry Steinberg, Park Slope

### For the record

To the editor,

Your article last week on proposed reforms to the 421-a program ("Cheap housing advocates push for more changes in subsidy program," Oct. 21), neglected to mention several recommendations made by Mayor Bloomberg's 421-a Task Force that will encourage the construction of affordable housing throughout the city.

The reforms are designed to create the maximum amount of affordable housing while ensuring that construction of new housing will continue at a strong pace.

Currently developments in several Brooklyn neighborhoods, such as Williamsburg, Sunset Park, Coney Island and Bedford-Stuyvesant, can receive 25 years of 421-a tax benefits

without providing affordable housing. The Mayor's Task Force has proposed to reform 421-a so that only developments that provide affordable housing receive the full 25-year tax benefits.

The Task Force has also proposed a luxury cap on the 421-a benefits. Only the first \$100,000 of an apartment's assessed value would receive the 421-a tax exemption. Currently there is no such limit, so multi-million-dollar apartments can get significantly higher tax benefits.

We propose to change that. These innovative recommendations strike the right balance to maintain a strong housing market while also providing funding for the Mayor's aggressive plan to create affordable housing for 500,000 New Yorkers.

Shawn Downman  
The editor is commissioner of the city  
Department of Housing Preservation  
and Development

### Dogging it

To the editor,

In your recent article, "Whose Park is it Anyway?" (Oct. 7), you continue the myth that decreased crime can be attributed to unleashed dogs. Rather than taking such allegations as fact, you should have, as journalists, researched those claims.

There is plenty of information on the subject available on the Internet, including an excellent study by the federal Department of Justice entitled, "The Remarkable Drop in Crime in New York City."

Crime here did not decrease until 1990. Most, if not all, studies credit the use of CompStat, community policing and the "broken window" theory as the reasons for the downturn. All studies point out that crime actually was on the increase through the 1960s, '70s, and '80s.

Robert Holden, Queens

### White on target

To the editor,

I am glad to see your article about the Corcoran Group because it confirmed a previous suspicion that I had ("Corcoran Group charged with selling 'white' nudes," Oct. 14).

My wife and I have white skin. A brand new five-story building went up on the corner of Myrtle Avenue and Adelphi Street. When the condos went up for sale, posters went up on the ground-floor windows of the building.

These posters depicted a digital architectural rendering of the facade of the new building with hypothetical residents going about daily life: A woman walking a little fluffy dog, a person crossing the street, others stopped on the sidewalk.

The problem: Not a single black person was rendered!

I said to my wife, "Fort Greene is still primarily black. These posters are like spitting in the face of residents of this neighborhood!" I knew that our neighborhood wouldn't stand for this and sure enough, the poster went down about a week or two later.

Murray Duertman, Fort Greene



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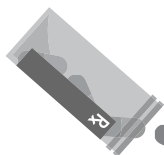
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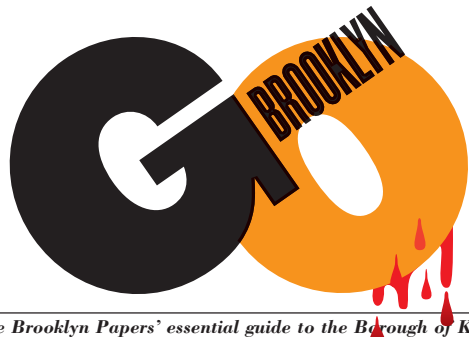
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# Saved in DUMBO

Satire at St. Ann's Warehouse pokes fun at demons & hellfire

By Jovana Rizzo  
For The Brooklyn Papers

All the evils in the world are currently housed in St. Ann's Warehouse, conveniently organized and explained on a walking tour to save you and your friends from eternal damnation. Lead by a demon tour guide, you walk through the "Hell House," which features rooms depicting social evils and bad decisions. You enter scenes of teenage abortion, a school shooting, gay marriage and more until you are ultimately greeted by Jesus. As you laugh at the demon's comments, and strange social relativism, you may also feel queasy as you watch a girl's rape and a student kill his classmates, leaving you to take a step back and ask yourself: this is just a joke, right? According to research provided by the producers of "Hell House," Les Freres Corbusier, actual hell houses — created by the controversial Rev. Jerry Falwell — began popping up in the U.S. in the 1970s. Evangelical churches in the Midwest and South would put on these performances every October, hoping

to show people how the evils in the world will lead them to an eternity in the fiery pits of hell, but with the helpful message that it is not too late to accept Christ into their lives and ultimately be saved. It was not until 1995, however, that they became more popular. Rev. Keenan Roberts of the Abundant Life Church of Christ in Denver took over and created "The Hell House Outreach Manual," this handy packet provides detailed instructions so anyone can stage a "Hell House." It has everything you need to know, from costumes to recipes on how to make the most convincing blood. "Try mixing white corn syrup with red food coloring," says Roberts. Although Les Freres Corbusier's production, directed by Alex Timbers, is more of a satire than an attempt to convert non-believers, much of the text is straight from the manual, and there are some unsettling parts of the show. You first start to cringe while waiting for your tour to start. You'll read some of the selected pages from Roberts' manual, including this tip about the gruesome teen abortion scene: "Do your very best to buy or purchase a meat product that will resemble as much as possible pieces of a baby that are being



The road to 'Hell': Les Freres Corbusier's DUMBO show spoofs evangelical Christian "hell houses" with unsettling tableaux of a teen abortion (left) and gay marriage (right).

placed in the glass bowl for all to see. It sounds horrifying, but the more real you can make the meat look, the more powerful the impact will be on every person who goes through." Les Freres Corbusier is a Manhattan-based theater company that describes its mission as "combining historical revisionism, multimedia excess, found texts, sophisticated humor and rigorous academic research." The organizers of any given "Hell House" — traditionally a pastor or church group — are allowed permission to modernize some of the scenes so they are more suited to a particular location and its audience. To find out, Brooklynites should visit "Hell House" and repeat! At the end of the suffering — and after meeting Jesus, of course — you get to celebrate saving your soul with a sing-a-long hymn. The happy, smiling Christians will give you some juice and a powdered donut, and you will once again be at peace with the world.

## THEATER

Les Freres Corbusier's "Hell House" runs through Oct. 29 at St. Ann's Warehouse (38 Water St. at Dock Street in DUMBO). Daily performances start at 7:30 pm with tours of the house starting every 15 minutes. The show is closed on Oct. 23. Tickets are \$25. For more information, call (212) 397-2666 or visit [www.hellhouse.com](http://www.hellhouse.com).

"Wait, wait, wait," says Sam. "Fundamental religion and belief systems? You're talking about weighty, serious issues here. They shouldn't be treated mockingly. To be honest, guys, I'm kind of over irony." The three friends pause awkwardly, then burst into laughter. They give each other high-fives right before they are dragged away by some pesky demons. What level of hell do you think the hipsters will end up on? To find out, Brooklynites should visit "Hell House" and repeat! At the end of the suffering — and after meeting Jesus, of course — you get to celebrate saving your soul with a sing-a-long hymn. The happy, smiling Christians will give you some juice and a powdered donut, and you will once again be at peace with the world.



## Bloodlust in the arch

Shadows creep along the walls, sending tingles up and down your spine. The creature comes closer and closer, its breathing getting louder and louder. It lifts its arm, and its long, sharp nails are pointed at you. Suddenly, a woman screams: "Aaaaahhhhh!" Sound like fun? One Kensington-based theater company thinks so. The minimalist theater devices and horror movie aficionados of the Rabbit Hole Ensemble have adapted the classic silent F.W. Murnau film "Nosferatu" for the stage. And starting Oct. 28, they want the screams to resound throughout Park Slope. One of the original vampire stories in modern history, "Nosferatu" is the story of the undead vampire, his obsession with the beautiful Mina Harker and their mysterious connection. Performances will be held inside the Soldier's and Sailor's Memorial Arch in Grand Army Plaza with six actors playing all the roles. The Rabbit Hole's trademark approach means a stripped-down production with no sets and as few lights as possible. The sound effects are all created live by the actors, who even transform themselves into props when needed. "The approach is that the actors do everything," said Edward Eleftherion, the show's director. "It's really something to see." And the lack of fancy technology and special effects means the audience will have nowhere to look but the stage — and at the hypnotically pale, fang-baring, claw-swiping monster (pictured at left with his victim) that represents the best of the Halloween fright tradition. Eleftherion assured, "It's going to be really beautiful."

Rabbit Hole Ensemble presents "Nosferatu" Oct. 28 at 2 and 7 pm, Oct. 29 at 2 and 5 pm, Nov. 4 at 2 and 7 pm, and Nov. 5 at 2 and 5 pm at the Soldier's and Sailor's Memorial Arch in the Grand Army Plaza. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$10. For reservations, call (718) 686-6624 or e-mail [reservations@rabbitholeensemble.com](mailto:reservations@rabbitholeensemble.com). For more information, visit [www.rabbitholeensemble.com](http://www.rabbitholeensemble.com). —Christie Rick

## FESTIVAL

### Treasure trove

Spooky buccaners and buried treasure set the theme for this year's fifth annual Halloween celebration in front of the Brooklyn Academy of Music. "We're looking forward to this year's crazy costumes, and we're planning some wonderful games and activities for all the trick-or-treaters," said BAM President Karen Brooks Hopkins. Tuesday's "BAMboo!" extravaganza will showcase a variety of corsair-inspired events such as pirate hat-making, a treasure hunt, a ring toss and a "Pirate Cove Moonbounce," as well as festive pumpkin bowling, carnival games and a candy giveaway. Street performers — such as the machete-juggling Zig Zag Brothers from New York Sketches (pictured) — and costumed BAM staff will provide entertainment for the 3,000 revelers expected to attend the outdoor event. The celebration will end with the costume contest, when prizes will be awarded. "BAMboo!" will take place on Oct. 31, from 4 to 7 pm, in front of the Brooklyn Academy of Music (30 Lafayette Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene). For more information, call (718) 636-4100 or visit the Web site [www.BAM.org](http://www.BAM.org). —Claire McTaggart

## FESTIVAL

### 'Ghoul' power

On Oct. 29, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden will again be a sanctuary from things that go bump in the night. For the 14th year in a row, the famed Prospect Heights institution is scaring up its own kind of Halloween excitement, the "Ghouls and Gourd" party, a day-long event for people who prefer a kinder, gentler Halloween. "We focus more on the quirky, fun and eccentric parts of the holiday," said Anita Jacobs, the garden's director of public programs. "This is very specifically an event for families and kids." And it's not just the kids who get into the fun, said Jacobs. Adults, even those with no little fairy princesses in tow, will find themselves dancing to the beat of the Brazilian drums that lead the costume parade at 3:45 pm. Even the pumpkins are carved differently at the botanic garden. Thai artist Amerincize a vegetable-carving tradition (pictured) and turn out "beautiful sculptures that are unrecognizable as pumpkins," said Jacobs. That, combined with a carnivorous plant feeding, from 1 pm to 3 pm, by a garden employee in a Morticia Addams costume, and an exhibit of intricate gourd sculptures, makes for a festive time for families who shy away from the blood-soaked, hair-raising horror extravaganza that Halloween has become. "Halloween has a very intense energy, and we try to play off of that," said Jacobs. "But this is a safe place for kids, and we want to keep it that way." "Ghouls and Gourd" will take place on Oct. 29, from noon to 4:30 pm, at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden (900 Washington Ave. at Eastern Parkway). Activities are free with garden admission (\$5 for those age 16 and older and \$3 for seniors and students) and will take place rain or shine under a tent on the Cherry Esplanade. For a complete schedule, call (718) 623-7200 or visit [www.bbgo.org](http://www.bbgo.org). —Christie Rick

## FESTIVAL

### Best costume?

Fort Greene Park is adding its local flavor to the trick-or-treat grab bag with its seventh annual "Halloween Festival." The free event, to be held Saturday on the park's Great Lawn, boasts African drumming from Fesha Dance Company, still-walkers, clowns and jugglers provided by Cirque Boom Circus Theatre, and storytellers from Salt & Pepper Mime — all local, Fort Greene-based arts organizations. Along with the performances, the celebration will include some of the more traditional ingredients such as pony rides, costumes and tasty prizes. "Favorite activities include selecting and decorating a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, hayrides and face painting," Fort Greene Park Conservancy committee member Greg Trupiano told GO Brooklyn. "Kids should definitely wear their costumes and join in the costume parade and prize giveaway that starts at 2 o'clock." The "Halloween Festival" will take place Oct. 28, from noon to 3 pm, at the Great Lawn of Fort Greene Park (enter at DeKalb Avenue and Washington Park). For more information on this free event, call (718) 222-1461 or visit [www.fortgreene.org](http://www.fortgreene.org). —Claire McTaggart

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## My Best Buys for October

By Darrin Siegfried

There are some things that make each one of us proud that other people might not understand. Some wine nerds hang about the super-expensive "triple" wines in their cellars. With me, I'm most proud of the values that I find for my customers every month. Sure, it's easy to go for the "big bucks" wines, or the ones that some writer or critic has given a high score to: all you need to do is pick up the phone and place your order. That's just not good enough for me. I have to find out for myself. I've always marched to my own drummer, and I'm proud to say that finding these wines that represent terrific value are what I enjoy doing the most. Ultimately, it comes down to taste...and to testing.

Every month I taste more than 200 wines, searching out the real values for you, and one way I bring some of my favorites to you is in my Best Buys selection: four delicious wines that I can usually sell for less than \$10 each that will taste like you paid more for them. Sometimes, one may be a wine that usually sells for \$3, 4 or even \$5 dollars more, but I've bought a big enough shipment to bring down the price. Sometimes one may be the end of a vintage, drinking well, and that the wholesaler needed to move out to make room for an incoming shipment. Another may be a new find, a wine that I've just come across that is delicious and I can sell for a song! What remains constant is that every one of these Best Buys is a wine that I drink myself. The wine-taste is my own, too. I tell you what I think of the wines, and what you can expect from them. No "wine speak," just plain English. Terrific wines, great prices...and no attitude!

**Here are Darrin's October Best Buys!**

**Cheapskate, Chenin Blanc 100% Organically Grown.** Our good friend Clark Smith of Wisconsin fame brings us this dry, delicious, delightful, delectable version of Chenin Blanc, made in a Lake Valley vineyard's a full bouquet of wildflowers, flavors of peaches, pears and apples, and a crisp "green apple" acidity that makes this a natural with almost any seafood or poultry dish you'd like. Clark is a leading promoter of "living soil," and his vibrant wines taste like they cost 50% more than they do. **—\$8.49**

**Tyrrell's "Lost Block" Shiraz** This delicious Australian red is selling for \$15 in Manhattan...but I bought a ton of it to save you money! Made in a fresh, fruit-forward style that really brings out the red, ripe berries and cherry flavors, mixed with a dash of spiciness. This is a really flavorful red with plenty of body. A wintry little wine, this ain't, mate! Plenty of value at a bargain price! **—\$7.95**

**Domine St-Luc, Coteaux du Tricastin** The name Kermit Lynch on the label always gives me a sense of assurance. Kermit has a terrific palate and loves to find top quality wines from small growers / winemakers that express the uniqueness of their terroir. His wines are featured at Chez Panisse in Berkeley! Here is a delightful, medium bodied red from south of Hérmitage, north of Cigolade. Tastes like a St-Luc red. **—\$9.95**

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# Grits and swordfish

## Prospect Heights' The Usual is diner by day, bistro by night

By Joan Kahler  
for The Brooklyn Papers

It's not every restaurant that lets its patrons micromanage a renovation, but The Usual, a long-standing diner at 637 Vanderbilt Ave. in Prospect Heights, is that kind of place. Owners Mike and Johnny Halks pride themselves on pleasing their customers, so when a regular dropped by to check on the progress of the remodeling and noticed that the new bar had nowhere for his feet to rest, the brothers promised to install a rail.

This diner has kept the neighborhood in fried eggs and BLTs for 25 years; it's one of the few places that newcomers and old-timers of all races and walks of life feel at home and talk to one another.

Now, it aims to keep its neighbors in steamed mussels and blackened swordfish, too. Prospect Heights is changing: Vanderbilt is suddenly flush with new shops and restaurants, including Joyce, a bakery at Park and Vanderbilt with a long line at breakfast.

But Mike doesn't worry about the competition.

"We needed that. The more the better: more people, more restaurants, more traffic," Mike told Go Brooklyn.

But still, the time had come for The Usual to change with the times. On Sept. 30, with renovations complete, the restaurant re-opened with a new look, a new chef and a new twist: diner by day, fine dining by night.

The new chef is Bill McGowan, late of Manhattan's Beekman Towers hotel, where he cooked for 16 years, and where he and Mike became friends. He's a hometown boy, born and raised on the other side of Prospect Park — in Kensington, where he still lives. After a stint in the Navy, McGowan found a

job at Rusty Staub's on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan.

"Best ribs in the world. Not many people have the recipe. Once I feel out the night, I'm going to put them on the menu," predicts McGowan. As he describes the 72-ingredient marinade and the 72-day cooking process, it is hard to avoid drooling.

Entrees on The Usual's new dinner menu include sautéed pork medallions on spazetel, portobello mushroom ravioli, grilled scallops and sirloin. There are extensive salads and also homemade soups, McGowan's specialty.

The menu tries to offer something for everyone: there are vegetarian options, including a falafel plate.

"We don't want to lose anybody, so we also have a big burger," says McGowan.

Regulars will be relieved to know that the daytime menu has not changed, despite a new layout. There is still a pot of grits on the stove all morning and four choices of cheese for your sandwich. There are, however, welcome additions to the menu, including fresh fruit and hot oatmeal.

Even the prices are the same, despite the concerns voiced by regulars who stopped by during the renovation period.

"We'll still have 85-cent coffee!" Johnny promised — and they do.

"You're not paying for this renovation," says Mike. "We are."

During the six weeks that the restaurant was shuttered, while regulars were biting fingernails over the possible implications of the new owning, the owners were hard at work.

"I thought I was done with construction when I renovated my house," groaned McGowan two weeks before the re-opening, as the men discussed installing ventilation and removing the old dishwasher.

The changes to the restaurant are extensive. The old counter has been removed and replaced by a shortened stone version, leaving more space in the front of the restaurant for tables. The griddle and prep area that was behind the counter is now in an enclosed kitchen with a new grill. The basement has been finished, giving McGowan room to prep for the evening while the brothers are busy cooking for the daytime crowd.

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**Two-for-one:** Twenty-five-year-old restaurant The Usual recently completed extensive renovations to its interior (at left), kitchen and basement to please its loyal daytime crowd and attract a new dinner crowd. (Above) At night, chef Bill McGowan serves up his chicken paillard.

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## Jacques of all trades

In 2002, a restaurant opened in Williamsburg called La Brulette. It was short-lived — but memorable — thanks to chef Jacques Gautier's vibrant, French-Caribbean cooking. After he left the eatery, Gautier worked in South American kitchens and vineyards, as well as eateries closer to home like Zoe in SoHo and the Brick Oven Gallery in Williamsburg.

Now he has his own place in Park Slope: Palo Santo.

Open since August, Palo Santo (named for a South American evergreen referred to as "the tree of life") features a menu that is "selective Latin," says Gautier.

"We're using mostly local, green-market ingredients — whatever is fresh at the market that day — as well as tropical imports," he says.

Several dishes on the small roundup change daily, so locals can drop in often and enjoy something new. Ceviche "miso," with shellfish, fresh lime juice and chiles, makes a great starter. An entree of roasted duck breast with mole

sauce served with a duck-filled tamale is ideal on a cool evening; tamarind creme brulee finishes the meal in style.

As soon as the liquor license is granted, he'll pour only South American wines.

The restaurant's interior incorporates salvaged wood from neighborhood demolition that Gautier used to build chairs, tables and panel some of the walls. Continuing with the sourcing locally theme, he commissioned mosaic work, an intricate steel rail that frames an outdoor staircase, and a fountain by Brooklyn-based artists.

Palo Santo (652 Union St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope) accepts cash only. Entrees: \$15-\$26. Breakfast and lunch is served Monday through Friday. Dinner is available Wednesday through Sunday. Brunch is served from 10 am to 4 pm on weekends. Closed Mondays. For more information, call (718) 636-6311.

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# All scream the same

Brooklynites bond over Slope's customized house of horrors

By Sasha Vasilyuk  
for the Brooklyn Papers

What is Brooklynites' biggest fear? Perhaps it's claustrophobia or musophobia, the fear of rats. Maybe it's bugs. Or maybe it's the currently fashionable fear of clowns or the strangely medieval fear of being buried alive.

This Halloween season, you can actually experience the borough's top 13 fears in "Nightmare: Face Your Fear," the haunted house show playing at the Brooklyn Lyeum through Nov. 2.

In this interactive series of tableaux, the audience is invited to go through the house of a little girl, whose worst fears fill each of the 13 rooms. As she leads her guests through the rooms, they become fully immersed in the action, coming face-to-face with their own anxieties.

"Nightmare" is not about vampires, witches or any of the other holiday staples. It explores phobias that are with us every day and is thus not for the weak-hearted or the pregnant, because if you are secretly afraid of being buried alive, guess what? In one of the rooms of the house, you will be buried alive.

Created by Timothy Haskell of Psycho Clan, also known for his off-Broadway productions "Fatal Attraction: A Greek Tragedy" and "I Love Paris," "Nightmare" first played in Manhattan in 2004. Although it was originally an interactive haunted house show, it did not focus on New Yorkers' specific phobias.

However, this is the first year that the show comes to all five boroughs, presenting the local fears of each. To detect the flavor of regional anxieties, the producers of "Nightmare" polled thousands of residents. They went to schools, stopped people on the streets, spent a lot of time on the Staten Island Ferry, and sent out Web surveys.

Although no one was prompted or asked to choose from a list of specific fears, many described similar worries such as being watched or falling from a tall building.

Yet, a few fears turned out to be borough-exclusive. Explains Bill Coelius, the show's associate director. While Manhattan residents were afraid of burning alive, for example, Brooklynites really dreaded eating disgusting food.

With research in hand, the creators



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of "Nightmare" tailored the show to each borough. For Coelius, who directs the Brooklyn version, the Brooklyn Lyeum proved to be especially evocative.

"Lyeum is a creepy, beautiful building," he says of the public bathhouse-turned-theater that opened in 1910. "It's a wonderful place to do the house."

Designed by a team of young artists, "Nightmare" is not simply a visual feast of gore. As groups of a dozen audience members go through the 13 rooms, their whole bodies are engaged.

"It's an important task to make it not only cathartic, but also interesting to

## THEATER

Psycho Clan presents "Nightmare: Face Your Fear" at the Brooklyn Lyeum (227 Fourth Ave., at President Street in Park Slope) daily through Nov. 2. The show plays every half-hour from 6 pm to 12:30 am. A PG-13 version plays Saturdays and Sundays, from 1 to 4 pm. Tickets are \$20 for afternoon shows, \$25 for evenings. For tickets, call Smartix at (212) 868-4444 or visit [www.nightmare.com](http://www.nightmare.com). For more information, visit the Web site [www.hauntedhouse.com](http://www.hauntedhouse.com).

the senses," Coelius says. "It's tactile: there are a lot of smells, and the sound travels with you through the rooms." The house is also inhabited by char-

acters who may decide to chase you in order to complete the effect.

"A lot of people come out with their heart racing," Coelius says triumphantly, explaining that they also offer PG-13 shows in the afternoons with toned-down violence and no cursing.

There are other thoughtful accommodations at "Nightmare." If you get overwhelmed, for example, they sell underwear at the end of the show "in case you need a pair."

Besides experiencing an exhilarating rush, facing your fear in the rooms of the "Nightmare" house can also have a therapeutic effect. Recently, a pair of visitors to the Brooklyn show — a teenage boy and his father — got separated in the "fear of being separated from your loved ones" room. When they were reunited, recalls Coelius, they hugged and said that they loved each other.

"It's exciting to see that kind of response, because you know that you have communicated the idea of phobias, and that they lived through it," the director says.

Coelius has also observed this unifying power of fear on a bigger scale. No matter how racially mixed the audience may be, he says, everybody screams the same.

"Those who may not associate with each other outside the house are holding on to each other by the end of the show," says Coelius.

In our anxiety-filled lives, participating in the staged horror show in the house that "knows your fear" may be the healthiest way to face those skeletons in the closet. The scenarios are never entirely real and no one even touches the audience, assures Coelius. Instead, "Nightmare" gives a safe scare and lets the visitors release their worries by howling their heads off.

Despite their courage and pride, Brooklynites are especially good at that. "We love Brooklynites, because they are all out for a fun time," Coelius says. "Brooklyn has been a great home to us. As long as people keep showing up, we will keep doing it."

By the way, fellow Brooklynites, want to know your biggest fear?

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## Kids got the runs? Send them to school anyway!

### SMART mom

By Louise Crawford

**S**MARTMOM IS MAD as hell and she's not going to take it anymore. You should not send your kid to school if he's throwing up or has diarrhea!

Sounds reasonable, huh? But the old Conventional Wisdom has been turned upside-down, thanks to the insane competition to get into a good middle school. Last week, another parent told Smartmom's friend, Lawyer Mom, that it's better to send her fourth-grader to school sick and then pick him or her up later than risk too many absences on the child's elementary school record. See, fourth grade is the year that matters for middle school admissions people look at test scores, grades, absences and lateness. And all things being equal, absence and lateness are the deal-breakers. These middle schools don't want the kids with the loopy alarm clock, slacker parents, or compromised immune system. They want the kids whose parents are stupid enough to send them to school when they're sick. Yeah, that's the ticket. Wouldn't you know it, just days after this disturbing conversation with her friend, Lawyer Mom's son woke up with a

stomachache, accompanied by diarrhea, cramps, the works. "Mommy, I can't go to school," came the young man's voice from the bathroom. Lawyer Mom's body pulsed with worry as she heard her friend's voice echoing in her head: Send him to school. Send him to school. Send him to school. Then he can make his exit. But whatever you do: send him to school. "Look," she told her 9-year-old son through the bathroom door. "You're not going to die. Go for a couple of hours. If it gets really bad, I'll come pick you up."

O righteous parent who does what is best for her child! Lawyer Mom knew that, diarrhea or no diarrhea, she was investing in her child's future. Harvard, Yale, Upper Carroll Middle School. Visions of Phi Beta Kappa were dancing in her head. So what if he was coming down with a stomach virus? The present moment no longer exists: it's all about the great big future. Sure enough, the nurse called at 10:30 a.m. Lawyer Mom's son told the teacher that he wasn't feeling well and she sent him down to the nurse. "I threw up," he told his mother over the phone. Lawyer Mom ran over the school (she lives a block away) and picked up her son. She apologized profusely to him. Luckily, he's an easy-going guy. He didn't mind too much that his mother had sacrificed his health, his comfort, and the health of the other school children for middle school.

**L**ATER, LAWYER MOM emailed her son's teacher and told her what happened. The teacher emailed back: "That's the silliest thing I've ever heard. He doesn't have excessive absences. You'll get other kids sick."

But what does that teacher know? She's not the one choosing between the 90-percent on-time student and the 89-percent on-time student.

Smartmom herself heard the head admissions honcho at High School for Telecommunication Arts and Technology tell a group of parents point blank that, because the school had

wasn't now completely traumatized and afraid about middle school like her mother. And fear is what it's all about: fear of failing, of not having enough, of not adequately preparing one's children for the free market economy that we live in: fear that they won't measure up.

Mostly, Smartmom is afraid that she has succumbed to the real parent trap: trying to do the right thing for your kid without really thinking deeply about what the right thing is. **L**ATER THAT DAY, Smartmom apologized to OSFO. "Good, maybe I won't have to hear about middle school first thing in the morning," OSFO said still smarting from what Smartmom had said. Smartmom promised she'd never bring up the topic again. But she knew she was lying. It was as inevitable as the occasional stomachache, a bout of diarrhea, or parents behaving badly.

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The Brooklyn Papers

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## CHECKIN' IN WITH ...

Most of us wake up every day, look at the mirror, feel a bit older but not too much wiser, and grumble off to work, where we are underappreciated and underpaid. But for two lucky Brooklyn artists, a recent morning started a bit differently: they'd received a phone call notifying them that they were geniuses.

Of course, the artists — DUMBO painter and installation artist Anna Schulte, 32, and Carroll Gardens sculptor Josiah McElheny, 39 — hadn't raised their IQ overnight, but merely learned that they were on this year's list of MacArthur Foundation fellows.

So-called "genius grant" recipients receive \$500,000 — no strings attached (except taxes).

Schulte's work (see it at <http://www.anna-schulte.com>) expresses urban angst through charcoal line drawings on linen or aged paper. McElheny (see <http://www.andreasengallery.com>) makes statements about modernity through intricate sculptures of glass and metal.

But are they truly geniuses? They checked in this week with our editor, Gersh Kuntzman, for our first-ever "All-Genius Smackdown."

**Q: So, what makes you so freakin' special?**

Anna Schulte: I'm not! I'm actually the most unskilled person to get a grant like this.

**Q: But the good news is that a grant like this makes your life easier as an artist, right?**

AS: In terms of the money, yes. I was below poverty level on my tax returns this year and now I have this unimaginable support. But as an artist, every day is filled with doubt. You work on your work and you do the best you can, but there are three steps of doubt for every two steps forward. There isn't a day when you don't start from scratch. I never feel good enough.

Josiah McElheny: The doubt is part of the whole process. I really

Josiah McElheny

believe that doubt is what makes life tolerable. Everyone should doubt. I firmly believe in doubt.

**Q: You firmly believe in not wavering?**

JM: What I mean is that at every



Anna Schulte

moment, I am aware that my work may have no meaning and the world can doubt it. That's exciting. The struggle to find a way to express something I believe in is the thing that survives doubt.

**Q: I thought geniuses didn't doubt anything about themselves.**

JM: I'm not a genius.

AS: I'm not a genius, either. We don't use the "g" word. If you say "genius," you are using a term that is not quantifiable. What does it mean? Who is a genius?

**Q: I am, but the MacArthur people haven't figured it out yet — which is kind of a pity, because I've already spent the \$500,000.**

AS: It's not something you can wish for. Let's say someone names you a "genius." It's very humbling. You feel undeserving and wonderfully small.

JM: In the sciences, it's clearer why someone might be called a genius. But art is basically a collective exercise. It's an intellectual and sensual exercise that we do together — the artist with the audience — to decide what truth is. That obviates the possibility of genius.

**Q: Sounds to me like you're talking the way a genius talks.**

JM: But I am not a genius.

**Q: OK, we're dancing around it, but let's face it, now that you're a certified MacArthur genius, the price of your artwork has certainly gone up, no?**

AS: If it has, it will be a big improvement. I was often faced with having to work for

free, so, yes, compared to that, I will charge more.

JM: I don't mean to disappoint you, but I don't think my price is going to go up. The MacArthur would help on a loan application, but the art marketplace is strange and unpredictable. It depends as much on gossip than on anything else.

**Q: So why do it?**

JM: We all want to be part of the world of ideas, to make life worth something beyond eating and breathing. Maybe that sounds Utopian, but if you're not striving for that, why get up in the morning?

**Q: Because we have a paper to put out.**

## BROOKLYN BRIEFS

## Fire stations go on market



Councilman Bill DeBlasio holds a press conference in front of Engine Company 204 at 299 DeGraw St.

for The Brooklyn Papers

Two years after angering residents of Cobble Hill and Williamsburg by closing their sole firehouses, the city is again drawing fire for this week's announcement that the buildings themselves might be sold.

"It was my fear that the FDNY would never return — now, that fear is confirmed," said Assemblywoman Joan Millman (D-Cobble Hill) at a Tuesday rally in front of Engine 204 on Degraw Street.

Engine 204 and Engine 212, which is on Wythe Street in booming Williamsburg, were shut down after the city claimed that firehouses from neighboring communities could handle their emergencies.

Now the city has started the process of selling the properties to developers — who would pay top dollar for historic buildings in such hot neighborhoods.

But that's the irony, Millman said: Cobble Hill is experiencing a huge influx of residents and businesses, making a firehouse even more necessary.

Converting a firehouse to an apartment building only makes things worse.

"Cobble Hill has no firehouse," said Millman. "And response times are definitely up."

Response time did increase by 34 seconds after the closing of Engine 204, but city officials said Cobble Hill residents still get a firetruck faster than the city average.

Millman was one of a dozen people — including actor and former firefighter Steve Buscemi — arrested at a protest when the firehouse originally closed.

Before the former firehouses can be sold, the buildings must go through the city's seven-month Uniform Land-Use Review Procedure, which allows for substantial public input.

Mark Daly, a spokesman for the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, said the buildings might not go to the highest bidder, but could end up being purchased by a non-profit.

"Either way, the difference between an empty firehouse and a working building is evident," he said.

— Christie Risk

## Atlantic Yards foes walk again \$t Bruce



Gilly Yoner of Park Slope Neighbors is resplendent in white at the Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn Walkathon.

The Brooklyn Papers

Several hundred walkers participating in the second-annual Develop Don't Destroy Brooklyn "walkathon" raised enough to cover plenty of billable hours in the group's legal battle against the Atlantic Yards mega-development.

Group spokesman Daniel Goldstein said DDDB raised "over \$100,000" at the Saturday event, allowing the fight against Bruce Ratner's proposed 16-tower, arena, residential, hotel and office space complex to move into the DDDB lawyer Jeffrey Baker promised to sue to stop the project on the grounds that it

violates state environmental laws and abuses the state's right to condemn land via eminent domain.

But mostly, the walkathon was festive and satirical. One woman dressed as a bride — a clear reference to Frank Gehry's wedding-dress design for the 620-foot "Miss Brooklyn" tower — proposed for the crowded intersection of Flatbush and Atlantic avenues. Others who live in the area of the project wore T-shirts reading, "Blight me."

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folkie John Wesley Harding performed his own songs and a cover of Joni Mitchell's "Big Yellow Taxi" (the song that famously begins, "They paved paradise/Put up a parking lot")

with some of the words rewritten to reflect the current conflict.

Goldstein said this year's walkathon raised twice as much as a similar event last year — evidence, he said, that the opposition to Atlantic Yards is growing.

If so, that opposition does not appear to be growing within the relevant state agencies. The Empire State Development Corporation is expected to approve the project next month, and the Public Authorities Control Board — the same three-man panel that killed the West Side stadium last year — is expected to rubber-stamp Atlantic Yards before the end of the year.

— Gersh Kuntzman

## Bloomy attacks state board set to approve Yards

The Brooklyn Papers

Without mentioning Atlantic Yards by name, Mayor Bloomberg signaled last week that he'll side with opponents of Bruce Ratner's mega-development in a coming legal battle against the "undemocratic" process that is pushing the project to its likely approval later this year.

In his weekly radio show last Friday, Bloomberg questioned why the three members of the state's Public Authorities Control Board — Gov. Patrizi, Senate Majority Leader Joe Bruno (R-Rensselaer) and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan) — "have a veto over everything."

"Why is there [such] a structure at the state level?" the mayor asked. "I'm not sure why that's constitutional. Maybe somebody wants to take a look at that. I don't happen to think it's good democracy to give the governor, the Speaker of the Assembly and the majority leader of the Senate [such power]."

The mayor's comments came days after Silver

held up a vote on the conversion of the Main Post Office in Manhattan into a grand new train station named after Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan — and the mayor was increased last year when Silver used his veto to block the West Side stadium project.

PACB votes must be unanimous. Bloomberg didn't mention Atlantic Yards, but his support for reforming the PACB was seized on by project opponents this week.

"I agree fully with the mayor," said City Councilmember Letitia James (D-Fort Greene). "Three men in a room" should not have control over development in our city — not at Moynihan Station and not at Atlantic Yards."

James said she expected Bloomberg to support an inevitable lawsuit against Atlantic Yards on the grounds that the PACB is unconstitutional.

"I believe Mayor Bloomberg is principled and consistent, and knows that what's true in Manhattan is also true on the other side of the East River," she said.



The latest flap over the state's so-called "three men in a room" form of government yielded at least some good news this week: renewed buzz for a political memoir by former state Sen. Seymour Lachman. The book, conveniently titled, "Three Men in a Room: The Inside Story of Power and Betrayal in an American Statehouse," details how so many vital decisions in New York are made in a "corrupt, inefficient and undemocratic" manner.

"Two of the three men in the room don't even represent the state, but in Silver and Bruno's case, only the people in their districts," Lachman told The Brooklyn Papers. "Nothing gets done in Albany without those two people."

Lachman said the lack of democracy makes it impossible "to get a full airing on projects like Atlantic Yards."

A spokeswoman for Silver told the Daily News that when Silver votes on the PACB he "gets input from all his colleagues [and] votes in the interest of his conference."

— Kuntzman

## B'Ridge &amp; B'Hurst churches lighten up

The Brooklyn Papers

It's never too soon to start preparing for Christmas in Bay Ridge and Bensonhurst.

A veritable Who's Who of neighborhood clerics converged on St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church last week to kick off their 12th annual tree-lighting and Nativity festival.

Seventeen churches — from Bensonhurst's St. Athanasius to Fort Hamilton's Army Base Chapel — will participate in the Celebration of Light by festooning their houses of worship with lights and plastic Jesuses and Virgin Marys.

The kick-off showed those Williamsburg nihilists that Brooklyn is indeed still the Borough of Churches.

"We remain people of faith, no matter what others may think," said Charles Hynes, who is not only the Brooklyn district attorney, but a parishioner of St. Pat's, which is on Fourth Avenue.

State Sen. Mary Golden (R-Bay Ridge) celebrated what he perceives as Brooklynites' "increased faith." "We seem to see a lot of people going to church, and that's important."

— Dana Rubinstein

## Developers check out Kings



The view inside the Loew's Kings, a dilapidated movie palace on Flatbush Avenue that the city wants to restore.

for The Brooklyn Papers

City officials ushered star-struck developers through the decaying Loew's Kings movie palace this week — and the real-estate visionaries left with one thought: Lights, camera, action.

"Imagine what this place is going to look like when it's cleaned up," said one would-be buyer of the city-owned derelict.

The Economic Development Corporation is seeking a developer to

restore the moviehouse where Barbra Streisand and Sylvester Stallone once indulged and Borough President Markowitz had his first date.

EDC spokesman Thomas Susswell cautioned the developers that it won't be easy to save the Kings — a project that has failed many times since the theater closed 30 years ago, including an ambitious multiplexing plan by Magic Johnson in the 1990s.

"One of our main objectives is maintaining the character and appearance of the building," Susswell said, adding that the winning developer would be required to restore the aging leucy green to its golden-age-of-Hollywood-meets-Paris-Opera-House glamour (right down to the dragon and knight frescos in the men's room).

Yet the building, which is in the heart of Flatbush, is still awe-inspiring. The lobby's massive fluted columns and marble floors are in good enough shape for the developers — and Markowitz — to let their imaginations get the better of them.

"When this people's palace is back in the heart of our borough in all its splendor," said Markowitz, "it will be a great day for both Brooklynites, who have walked her aisles, and for those who have yet to discover her majesty."

The EDC will be accepting bids for the project until Dec. 6.

— Christie Risk

## Let's go shopping at the Navy Yard!

for The Brooklyn Papers

City officials this week heralded a \$100-million expansion of the Brooklyn Navy Yard as an engine that would create 800 new jobs — and bring a much-needed supermarket — for the hardscaped neighborhood.

The plan calls for the construction of seven new buildings at the industrial park over the next three years, plus the 60,000-square-foot supermarket, which would require several historic buildings on the 19th century Admiral's Row to be torn down.

"The Brooklyn Navy Yard is an outstanding source of job and economic development activity, but it is filled to capacity and needs to grow more so that jobs can be created," Mayor Bloomberg said at Tuesday's celebrity-filled groundbreaking.

The new jobs will benefit, first and foremost, the residents of Fort Greene, Williamsburg and Bedford-Stuyvesant, Hizzoner added, because the non-profit development corporation that manages the Navy Yard has promised to maximize local hiring.

Andrew Kimball, who oversees that cor-

poration, said he was most excited that a large portion of the construction jobs would be filled by minority contractors.

The 230 companies at the Navy Yard provide more than 5,000 jobs, half of which are held by Brooklyn residents, he added.

Borough President Markowitz, City Councilmembers David Yassky (D-Brooklyn Heights), Al Vann (D-Bedford-Stuyvesant) and Letitia James (D-Fort Greene), and Assemblyman Joe Leno (D-Williamsburg-Greenpoint) joined the star-studded crowd to shovel the first spades of dirt.

— Risk

## ANGEL...

Continued from page 1

Wood, 75, and his wife Cynthia have been homeless since last Wednesday's arrest and eviction. By Saturday, the couple was eating breakfast at the Pratt Institute cafeteria, Cynthia slumped in her chair, yet Arthur strangely energized.

But not for a fight. ("Department of Buildings") Deputy Commissioner Bryan

Winter's job is more difficult than mine," Wood said. Wood has been working with the authorities to shore-up the building and its two large, illegally built extensions. Of course, he has little choice: if he does not bring his home and studio, to 4 Downing St., up to code, the structure will be demolished at his expense.

Since the eviction, Wood has gained the support of friends and

local politicians. City Councilwoman Letitia James (D-Fort Greene) is helping out — again with the goal of cooperation, not combat.

"The Buildings Department wants to work with the councilwoman and Mr. Wood [to ensure that] the iconic structure is protected and preserved," said James's spokeswoman, Kate Suisman.

The city's involvement is a surprise to Elizabeth Wood Ramirez, 39, Arthur and Cynthia's daughter, who grew up in the home.

"Although the structure looks different, it is safe. He was always

very careful when building," said Ramirez, who lives with her husband and two children in Queens.

"I've never been concerned about the safety of my children when they were with their grandparents," she said.

Ramirez likens her childhood to an episode of "Little House on a Prairie": The house, which was heated by a cast-iron stove, and once she and her brother, Chris, woke up with snow showering their sleeping bags.

"We lived a nomadic existence," said Chris, 33. "But it is a beautiful memory."



An example of the ornamental designs inside the Loew's Kings theater.



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